

ROCHESTER SWEPT BY RAGING FLAMES

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FIERCE GALE IS BLOWING

Help Rushed by Train From Buffalo and Syracuse.

LOSS ALREADY OVER A MILLION

Militia Called Out to Guard Property—Started in Business Center on Main Street.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 13.—The city of Rochester appears to be at the mercy of two alarming fires which are raging simultaneously in different sections of the city. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the fires were still spreading, and the loss had already amounted to \$1,000,000. The Rochester militia is on duty in the streets, and help has been summoned from the Buffalo and Syracuse fire departments.

The fire, which are raging in two sections of the city, are apparently uncontrollable, and unless the gale which is now blowing at thirty or more miles an hour subsides the damage will be incalculable. Every piece of fire apparatus is on the scene, and appeals have been sent to Syracuse and Buffalo for assistance. Both cities have replied that they are sending aid on fast trains.

Started in Selden Building.

The fire broke out in the Selden building, a four-story structure at the corner of Gibbs and Main streets. That building is in ruins. The flames leaped from it to St. Peter's Church, in Grove street, and then to the big Jewish synagogue, the Beth Shalom Temple. St. Peter's was saved, but the temple is gutted. Apartment houses on Grove street, valued at \$100,000 were next swept away, and then the flames attacked a score or more residences on that and adjoining streets and are now spreading to others. Fully 150 families have moved out from the paths of the flames.

Numerous houses are burning, without a single stream of water to check the progress of the fire. About the same time fire broke out in the First Reformed Church, on Nassau street, in another section of the city and about one mile removed. Only one fire company could be spared for this fire, and the church soon fell a prey to the flames, which spread to residences, and are sweeping the street, the residents moving out as fast as the flames approach.

Militia Ordered Out.

The militia has been ordered out by Mayor Egerton to police the burning district. One girl is reported missing. She worked in the burned Palmer building. A woman went violently insane from fear, as her home was in the path of the flames. She was sent to a hospital.

It has been decided to dynamite some buildings on Stillman street in an effort to control the fire. The fire is raging unabated.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 13.—Fire Chief McConnell has received a request from the mayor of Rochester to send them assistance and will dispatch an engine and crew at once by way of the New York Central railroad.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 13.—Assistant Fire Chief Ryan is sending two engines and two hose wagons with the men required to Rochester's aid.

NEW HIGH RECORD FOR WHEAT

Flurry in May Takes Price to \$1.28 Today.

CHICAGO, April 13.—Wheat delivery in May, July and September established new high record marks at the opening of the board of trade today.

May wheat opened with small sales at from 17 to 18¢. The latter price is 3 cents better than the most recent previous high record made two months ago by the leading bull. It is 8 cents over the price he publicly declared at that time would be reached.

July rose early to 17 1/2¢, an advance over yesterday of 1/2¢. September touched 18 1/2¢, a gain of 1/2¢ over night. The Liverpool market furnished the bull power of the hour. Wheat there, after the Easter holiday reflected conditions on this side of the Atlantic and prices were marked up 3/4 to 3/8¢.

Other European markets advanced sympathetically. The real influence, however, was a general belief that there is a worldwide shortage of wheat. Reports of favorable weather for the growing crop in the winter wheat belt were ignored.

The opening flurry in May was due, it is said, to the closing out of the May contracts of Ennis and Stoppard, the brokers of New York and Chicago against whom an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in New York today. The amount involved here is said not to have been large.

CITY'S SHORTAGE, \$67,026.46.

Total and Exact Amount of Down's Alleged Defalcation.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 13.—A report was made this afternoon to Mayor Mahool by the American Audit Company on the alleged shortages of William F. Down's, and this shows that the total and exact amount of money which the former clerk is claimed to have appropriated is \$67,026.46—which is just \$100 less than was shown in the audit of Deputy City Controller Freeman, when the first examination of the books was made.

The report rendered this afternoon also shows that eleven of the city depositors of this money claimed to have been taken from any one bank was \$22,000 from the National Mechanics Bank, while the smallest sum was from the Union National Bank.

The report also indicates that \$3,000 was the greatest amount claimed to have been abstracted from the city's funds in any one day.

ELLIS IN CONFERENCE

President Consults Him on Ohio Appointments.

ROBINS' CASE HANGS FIRE

Nothing Definite Decided as Result of Long Hearing.

OTHER BUCKEYE JOBS TO FILL

Dennett to Stay as Commissioner of Land Office—Papers in Florence, S. C., Post Office Fight.

Wade Ellis, assistant attorney general and the quiet adviser of the President as to Ohio appointments, conferred for half an hour today with Mr. Taft as to several complicated cases in that state. For three hours yesterday afternoon, as stated in The Star, President Taft sat as a judge and listened to the defense of Oscar I. Robins against charges that he used money too freely in running the political machinery at Dayton.

Mr. Robins has been surveyor of the port at Dayton four years. His term has expired and the organization republicans in his county greatly desire his continuation for another term. Charges preferred against him were carefully investigated by an agent of the Treasury Department, who reported adversely to the incumbent. Senator Dick and the friends of Mr. Robins asked a personal hearing of the case, and this was granted. With President Taft sitting as judge and Senators Dick and Burton as a jury, the case has been gone over.

Robert Nevin, Jr., republican county chairman at Dayton, and Theodore Filhart appeared before the President and made statements. The President called in Mr. Ellis today to go over the situation with him as nothing definite was decided as a result of the long hearing. Not only is the Dayton surveyorship under consideration, but the post office at Sandusky, the internal revenue collectorship of the Columbus-Athens collection district, and several other matters are giving worry. The President wishes to dispose of all the appointments at the earliest possible moment, but he is proceeding with deliberation and caution, and has immediate entry at the White House whenever he calls.

Bowland in the Lead.

For the internal revenue office, made vacant by the resignation of Collector Moore, the most prominent candidate is W. G. Bowland of Columbus, but a railroad conductor, John H. Elder of Athens, popular among railroad men, is strongly backed.

An impending change of importance at Cincinnati is in the office of the United States attorney. Sherman McPherson, a personal friend of ex-Senator Foraker, has held the office five or six years, and it seems likely that there is to be a change. Henry C. Williams, republican state chairman, is slated for the office.

It is interesting that President Taft has shown no more interest in the state up to this time. He has given no important office to the state. Not a single member of his cabinet has been in the state, and in giving his cabinet officers unlimited authority in selecting their assistants he has shut the door on a horde of hungry Ohio politicians. He has in choice spots in the great federal office-holding pasture. No good diplomatic places have gone to Ohio, and the boys are mourning.

Papers in Post Office Fight.

The Florence, S. C., post office case, which has been pending before the President ever since he came into office, was enveloped today by affidavits, letters and papers filed with the President by Representative Ellerbe of that congressional district. The administration, upon the recommendation of Postmaster General Hitchcock, has been ready for some time to appoint Howard Cassel, a son of Representative Cassel, who has been living at Florence some years, as manager of the Electric Lighting and Water Company. Mr. Ellerbe asked that the appointment be held up until he could present affidavits to Mr. Cassel. This he did today. These are in the form of affidavits from county officers and others, to the effect that Cassel had paid taxes in the county, and especially the poll tax, which would entitle him to vote in the election of the county.

The affidavits show also, it is said, that Mr. Cassel was technically arrested by the chief of police for non-payment of taxes of the county, and that he was going to show that he has never considered himself a citizen of the town up to the time of his nomination as postmaster. There are other charges. The President told Representative Ellerbe that he would have a careful investigation of the charges made before acting. Some time ago Representative Cassel of Pennsylvania, father of the young man, filed papers showing that he had voted at Florence and owned property in that section of the state.

Fred Dennett to Stay.

Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department has asked President Taft to continue Fred Dennett as commissioner of the land office, and this will be done, Mr. Dennett was assistant commissioner of the land office when Mr. Ballinger was commissioner. Upon the retirement of Mr. Ballinger he urged President Roosevelt to promote Dennett, and this was done. The Secretary regards Mr. Dennett as too efficient a man to let go. Representative Austin of Tennessee asked President Taft today to visit the summer school of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this summer. Mr. Austin told the President that there are 2,000 pupils, embryo teachers, at this school, and that he would be heartily welcomed. The President could not make any promises, but said he would think it over.

President Taft has at last decided that he will go to the Gettysburg battlefield on Memorial day. He will deliver an address to a great gathering of G. A. R. men who will be there to decorate the graves. The President will remain as a guest at a banquet in honor of Gov. Stuart.

Expect Good Tariff Bill.

Republican congressional leaders told the President today that they believe a good tariff bill will come out of the House and Senate measures. Representative Boutell of Chicago said there was every promise of a satisfactory measure. "The basis of a good measure has already been attained," said Mr. Boutell. "Both the House and Senate bills start off well and from the two there should be gotten a



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